laws, involved in acts of terrorism, sabotage, subversion, murders and kidnappings, etc. who have been convicted duing the period from 1st January, 1990 to 30th Novmber, 1994 ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE PRIME MINISTER'S OFFICE (SHRI BHUVNESH CHATURVEDI) : (a) to (c) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

ISI Plan on Sabotage Activities in Jammu and Kashmir

2605. SHRI JAGMOHAN : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government are aware of the reports to the effect that ISI has recently formulated a plan to step up militant activity in Kashmir and to send larger number of trained and doctrinated foreign mercenaries in the State of Jammu and Ksshmir;

(b) whether the spate of recent bombs explosions in Jammu and adjoining areas are a part of the plan;

(c) whether certain elements within the State are colluding with the ISI agents to increase the level of terrorism, sabotage and subversion in all parts of the State; and

(d) what special measures have been or are being taken to meet the situation ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE PRIME MINISTER'S OFFICE (SHRI BHUVNEHSH CHATURVEDI) : (a) to (d) The attempts of Pakistan to fuel, aid and abet terrorism in Jammu and Kashmir, through the ISI and other groups, have continued unabated. Apart from providing training, funds, weapons and sanctuary to elements of the youth in the State, trained foreign nationals and mercenaries have also been infiltrated into the State from across the LOC/Border, in an effort to step up violence, and boost the morale of the local subverted elements. Efforts have also been made to spread the arc of violence into the Jammu region, and to communalise the situation and create a sense of fear, through activities such as blasts in buses and public plac etc.

Security arrangements in the vulneralbe areas have been streamlined and augmented, and anti-terrorist operations are being pursued in a vigorous and sustained manner.

Supply of Food to Militants in Jammu and Kashmir

2606. SHRI JAGMOHAN : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government are aware that the Food Department of Jammu and Kashmir has been helping Jammu and Kashmir militants in building up food stock for the winter in the Rajwad Alpine forests area of Kupwara District;

(b) whether the interrogation of some of the truck drivers intercepted by the security forces has revealed that food supplies were being surreptitiously sent to the militants in the aforesaid jungles;

(c) whether in the month of October/ November, 1994, one Major, one Lieutenant, three Jawans and two civilians and a few other persons dubbed as informers were first captured in the area and then mercilessly killed;

(d) whether any inquiry in the matter been held; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE PRIME MINISTER'S OFFICE (SHRI BHUVNESH CHATURVEDI) : (a) and (b) According to information made available by the State Government no such instances have come to notice.

(c) On 28-10-1994, a Patrol party was attacked by the militants in the forest area of Lachhimpora, district Kupwara, in which five personnel, including two officers were killed.

(d) and (e) Inquries revealed the presence of a large number of militants hiding in the jungles. Operations were launched in which 6 terrorists, including 5 foreign nationals, were killed, 2 apprehended and 10 rifles/pistols and ammunition were recovered.